



RAILROADS.

LOCAL TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for route, arrival, and departure times for Missouri Pacific, Texas and Pacific, Transcontinental, and Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe.

THE RAILROADS.

The Fort Worth and Denver Appoints a General Immigration Agent Who Has Begun Work Already.

The New Cheap Rates for Home Seekers Territory Covered by Commercial Agents Wilson Notes.

Home Notes. The new equipment of the Fort Worth and Denver is expected to begin Fort Worth before the 25th instant.

Owing to a washout near Dodge on the Transcontinental the south bound train did not arrive until 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

The west-bound Texas and Pacific did not get in until 10 o'clock this morning. The washout near Grand Saline is nearly repaired, and trains can cross.

Colonel L. D. Voss, general live stock agent of the Missouri Pacific, returned yesterday from an extended trip to Chicago and St. Louis on business for the road.

Commercial Agent Wilson of the Missouri Pacific, who will hereafter make his headquarters at Fort Worth, will have charge of the territory from Deason to Taylor, including the line to La Grange, the Fort Worth and Denver territory, the Gainesville and Henrietta line and the Texas and Pacific west of Fort Worth.

Assistant General Passenger Agent Newell of the Fort Worth and Denver says that excursionists who have bought tickets to Fort Worth or other Texas points can buy excursion tickets over the Fort Worth and Denver with the privilege of stopping off at any or all stations on the line with a sixty days limit, for one fare. This will enable home-seekers to look at the Panhandle.

General R. A. Cameron has been appointed Immigration Commissioner for the Denver and Fort Worth Railroad. He expects the new line to carry a great many people into Texas during the coming season. He says that in Texas all varieties of hybrid grape, peach and English walnut trees, peaches, apricots, plums, Japan plums and both sweet potatoes and pumpkins grow readily along the Red River where properly cultivated. The tracts of land along the Red which are open for settlement are extensive and for a distance of 120 miles the soil is especially adapted to the cultivation of fruits. Peaches of excellent character ripen from the 20th of May until October. It is General Cameron's opinion that in five years, at the furthest, that section of Texas will be supplying Colorado with as good as fruit—and very much fresher—as is now obtained from California. In return for these necessary luxuries Colorado will send coal and winter potatoes.

The Denver Republican says: "The prospects are favorable for a large gathering of Coloradans in Denver during the last days of March and the first of April. The passenger agents of the various railroads met at the office of Joint Agent Rich yesterday afternoon and agreed upon a half round-trip rate from all points to Denver for the celebration of the opening of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth and the cattle-men's convention. The passenger agents present at the meeting were Messrs. Crosby of the Burlington, Hooper of the Rio Grande, Lee of the Midland and

Keeler of the Union Pacific. The action taken was the adoption of a half-fare rate from all points in Colorado and return, or one fare for the round trip, tickets to be sold on March 25, 26 and 27, good until April 5. This action was taken subject to the concurrence of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth. General Passenger Agent Ady of the Panhandle route was not present at the meeting owing to the fact that this company had a natural desire to allow the other companies to do as they desired without the appearance of any influence. He said last evening that there was no reason to doubt that the concurrence of the Panhandle would be forthcoming.

Needed at Dublin. DUBLIN, Tex., March 4.—Hurry up that Fort Worth and Rio Grande railroad and get it through here by next fall anyway, as from present prospects it will be needed to carry off the surplus produce that will be raised here this season.

TROUBLE WITH THE TARIFF. THE NORTHWESTERN ROAD WITHDRAWS FROM AN IRON-CLAD COMPACT.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 4.—Two years ago the Louisville and Nashville, Illinois Central, Northeastern and Mississippi Valley Railroad companies agreed upon a tariff of rates. Also agreed that none of the roads should grant a special rate without first obtaining the consent of the other roads in the compact. This agreement had been carried out until the Northeastern company put on a fast Cincinnati train which made the run in twenty-six hours, but yesterday it was reported in railroad circles that the compact, which is styled "Iron Clad," had been broken and that a break had also occurred in the Southern Passenger Agents' Association, Northeastern having notified the association through General Freight and Passenger Agent Colibrans of its withdrawal. It was reported that the reason of the withdrawal grew out of the following facts: The Louisville and Nashville demanded the privilege of a reduced rate to Cincinnati in order to equalize rates, because the Northeastern line is shorter and can make faster time to Cincinnati. The Northeastern objected and the matter was referred to an arbitration committee of the Southern Passenger Agents' Association for adjustment. When the Northeastern learned that the decision would be adverse to it notice was at once given that it would withdraw from the association on March 5.

IMMIGRATION.

Busy Furnishing Information. Special to the Gazette.

DUBLIN, Tex., March 4.—Enquiries are beginning to come in from Kansas from prospective movers and our immigration committee have had several thousand extra copies of the "Dublin Telephone" printed with the write-up in it to send out in advance of the pamphlet they are preparing for general distribution.

Coriannas Notes.

CORINGANA, TEX., March 4.—Several business lots on Beaton street changed hands to-day. Contracts will be let in a few days for the erection of several large business houses on Beaton street. Captain S. J. T. Johnson of this city will go to Nashville, Tenn., to establish headquarters in the interest of immigration to Texas.

The delegates that attended the immigration meeting at Fort Worth came back delighted with the work. The Eagle Iron Works recently established here are at work building shops and necessary buildings.

The Movement in Fisher County

ROHR, Tex., Feb. 29.—This section was visited with a fine rain on the 24th and 25th inst. It fell slowly and steadily for about forty-eight hours, thoroughly soaking the ground and making the farmers of this county jubilant, and insuring to them a season suitable for the starting of crops. The sowing of oats seems to be the order of the day, with work in the water-ward, and success the motto. Immigration to this section seems to be on the increase. People are buying and settling homes almost daily, all of whom seem to be well pleased and express themselves as having great confidence in the future developments of this country. The immigration committee of this place are up and doing, rustling the non-resident land owners of our county as well as the residents, in behalf of the immigration cause.

Moritz Saphir, the witty Austrian, was once standing in a crowded theater. Some one leaned on his back, thrusting his head over his shoulder. Saphir drew out his handkerchief and wiped the man's nose violently. The latter started back. "Oh, I beg your pardon," said Saphir; "I thought it was mine."

Senator Ingalls' private secretary is his son Ellsworth, who is fresh from college and is studying law in Washington. He is described as a tall, blonde young man, with long, straight legs, slender body and small, round head. He has the general air of a college bred youth.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Conditions Have Been Generally Favorable for the Coming Crop in the Southern States.

There Has Been From 25 to 50 Per Cent. More Than Usual of Rainfall in Texas.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The signal office has sent out the following report of the temperature during the season from Jan. 1 to March 3:

The weather has been colder than usual in all districts except in the southern states, east of the Mississippi and at the southern Rocky Mountain stations, where the daily range of temperature has been slightly above normal. Over the greater portion of the wheat and corn regions of the northwest the daily average for the season ranges from 5° to 8° below normal.

RAINFALL.

During the season from January 1 to March 3 the rainfall (including melted snow) has been less than usual, except in the southern portion of the gulf states, Iowa, Wisconsin, and generally at the Rocky Mountain stations, where the rainfall has been in excess. In Ohio and the central Mississippi valleys the deficiency for the season ranges from two to four inches, while the actual rainfall in these sections ranges from 60 to 75 per cent. of normal. From 80 to 100 per cent. of the usual amount of precipitation is reported in eastern portion of the cotton regions, in the tobacco regions of Virginia and Tennessee and Iowa, Dakota and Western Minnesota. The rainfall along the gulf coast, from Pensacola westward to Galveston, and in Texas, has been largely in excess of the normal, the actual amount of rainfall being from 25 to 50 per cent in excess of the usual amount. At the close of February from five to twenty inches of snow was reported on the ground in the northern half of Michigan and Wisconsin and from four to twelve inches in Minnesota and Dakota. Heavy snows are also reported in Northern New England and Northern New York, but generally throughout the corn and winter wheat states no snow was reported on the ground at the close of the month.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The summary of weather conditions from January 1 to date indicates that the weather has been generally favorable for the coming crop in the southern states, although in some sections the cold wave which occurred in the last week of February caused some damage to fruits. Reports from Kansas and Nebraska indicate the weather conditions have been exceedingly favorable during the past winter. The ground is reported in good condition, wheat sprouting large and condition excellent. Ploughing and planting are in progress as far north as Southern Kansas and Missouri while the ground remains frozen generally in states north of the Ohio river where the deficiency of rainfall of last season and the slight amount of snow and low temperature during the winter leaves wheat and pasture in bad condition. Generally in the middle states the weather has been favorable for prospective crops. Wheat and rye are reported in good condition, except in Northern New Jersey.

MEN WHO EAT FIRE.

Strange Diet of Some Human Beings Who Relish a Diet of Smoldering Coals. London Tid-Bits.

The earliest mention of fire-eaters in England is to be found in Sir Henry Walton's correspondence under date of June 3, 1653. He says:

"There is a strange thing to be seen in London for a couple of pence which I know not whether I should call a piece of art or nature. It is an Englishman, like some swabber of a ship, come from the Indies, where he has learned to eat fire as familiarly as ever I saw any eat cakes, even whole glowing brands, which he will crush with his teeth and swallow. I believe he hath been hard furnished in the Terra del Fu-go, on the south of the Magellan Strait."

Evelyn in his diary, under date of October 8, 1672, gives a graphic account of the remarkable feats of another fire-eater, who created a great sensation in his day: "I took leave of my Lady Sunderland, who was going to Paris to my Lord, now Ambassador there. She made me stay to dinner at Leicester House, and afterward sent for Richardson, the famous fire-eater. He devoured brimstone on glowing coals before us, chewing and swallowing them; he melted a beer glass and ate it quite up; then taking a live coal on his tongue he put on a raw oyster; the coal was blown on with bellows till it flamed and sparkled in his mouth, and so remained until the oyster gasped and was quite boiled. "Then he melted pitch and wax with sulphur, which he drank down as if it were water. I saw it flaming in his mouth a good while; he also took up a thick piece of iron such as landrunners use to put in their smoothing-boxes, when it was fiery hot, held it between his teeth, in his hand, and then threw it about like a stone; but this I observed, he cared not to hold very long. Then he stood on a small pot, and bending his body, took a glowing iron in his mouth, and he drew it down his throat, without touching the pot or ground with his hands, with divers other prodigious feats."

Richardson's secret was disclosed by his servant about the time Evelyn made his entry. According to his servant's showing it consisted only in rubbing the hands and thoroughly washing the mouth, lips, tongue, teeth and other parts which were to touch the fire with pure spirits of sulphur. By this means the epidermis, or upper skin, was burnt and carbonized until it became as hard as thick leather. The two effects which the frequent swallowing of red-hot coals, melted sealing-wax, resin, brimstone and other calcined and flammable matter might have had upon the stomach were prevented by crinkling plentiful draughts of warm water and oil as soon as he had left the company, until he had vomited it all up again.

Another fire-eater was De H. Ikerkeit, a native of Anivia in Savoy, who flourished at the beginning of the eighteenth century. This individual cat burning coal, chewed and swallowed burning brimstone; licked a red-hot poker, placed pitch-hot heater on his tongue, ate melted pitch-wax, sealing-wax and resin with a spoon, as an ordinary mortal takes soup; resisted coals on his tongue and gobbled meat upon them; and, to complete the business, performed all these marvellous feats a day at the Duke of Marlborough's Head, Fleet street, his prices being half a crown, eighteen pence and one shilling.

De Heterkeit had the honor of exhibiting before Louis XVI, the emperor of Austria, the king of Sicily and the Duke of Venice, and his name having reached the acquisition, that holy office proposed experimenting on him to find out whether he was fire proof externally as well as internally. He was preserved from this unwelcome ordeal, however, by the interference of Duchess Royal, Regent of Savoy. But the most famous of all fire-eaters was Robert Powell, who was before the public for nearly sixty years, and was seen by many noble and distinguished men, among others by the Dukes of Cornwall and Gloucester and Sir Hans Sloane. Mainly through the liberality of this last named the Royal Society in 1751 presented Powell with a purse of gold and a large silver medal. Here is his programme: 1. He ate red-hot coals out of the fire as natural as bread. 2. He licked with his naked tongue red-hot tobacco pipes, flaming with brimstone. 3. He takes a large bunch of deal matches, lights them all together and holds them in his mouth till the flame is extinguished. 4. He takes a red-hot heater out of the fire, licks it with his tongue several times and carries it round the room between his teeth. 5. He fills his mouth with red-hot charcoal and broils a slice of beef or mutton on his tongue and any person may blow the fire at the same time with a pair of bellows. 6. He takes a quantity of resin, pitch, beeswax, sealing-wax, brimstone, alum and lead, melts them together over a chafing-dish of coals and eats the same with a spoon as if it were a porridge of broth, to the great and agreeable surprise of the spectators, etc.

The last fire eater of whom we shall speak is Chameuio, who had the name of "the Russian Salamander." He was remarkable for the simplicity and singleness of his character, and used to take a positively innocent delight in swallowing fire. He was above all artifice, and would entertain his visitors to melt their own lead or boil their own mercury, that they might be perfectly satisfied of his genuineness and of the gratification he had in drinking these liquids. He would also present his tongue in the most obliging manner to all who wished it, allow them to pour molten lead upon it, and if they chose stamp an impression with their seals.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Winery and Distillery Burned.

FRESNO, CAL., March 4.—The Marquitta winery and distillery five miles south of this city owned by Rogers & Mallory of San Francisco, was totally destroyed by fire shortly after midnight last night. Over two hundred thousand gallons of wine, valued at \$150,000 and machinery and buildings valued at \$50,000 were also consumed. The property was partially insured.

Blaze at Breckenham.

BRECKENHAM, TEX., March 4.—About 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the lower story of Mr. Cobb's dry goods establishment, and but for the timely appearance of the fire boys the entire stock and building would have been consumed. At present the amount of damages cannot be ascertained.

DALLAS.

Four Boys Drowned—A Delegate to Kansas City. Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, Tex., March 4.—At a meeting of Dallas Typographical Union No. 173 this afternoon, Guy C. Harris was elected as a delegate to represent the Dallas Union at the meeting of the International Typographical Union which convenes in Kansas City on the second Monday in June. The recent rains have delayed all trains running into the city from one to twelve hours. All streams around Dallas are greatly swollen. It has not rained here for six hours, though the indications are that it will pour down before morning. A report has just reached the city to the effect that four boys were drowned in Partle creek about three miles northwest of the city late this afternoon. The particulars cannot be obtained to-night.

Corianna.

CORINGANA, TEX., March 3.—It is reported that a large hail storm passed through the western part of this county last night about 10 o'clock, killing a few head of stock and doing other damage. Some large hail stones fell in this city. H. L. Molloy, proprietor of the Molloy hotel, has filed suit against the present lessee, Captain Boyle, in forcible detainer. The case is set for trial on the 7th.

The Time of Thinking has Been Estimated with Some Interesting Results.

It takes about one-tenth second to see a color, one-seventh second to see a word. It takes longer to see some letters and words than others. A word can be named in one-tenth second, whereas one-third second is needed to name a color. It takes about two-fifths second to call to mind the county in which a well known town is situated; one-half second to say which of two eminent men is thought to be the greater.

In Jackson county, Ga., grown up to weeds, is the celebrated Santa Fe race track, where thousands have been won and lost in a single dash of a quarter of a mile. The track was made by Mr. Thurmond, one of the best quarter racers in America. On this track is where the celebrated Austin dilly ran a quarter in fourteen seconds, without a rider, against an old race horse, and Wool Winder beat the best time on record.

A pine tree was cut recently in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, which measured seven feet eight inches in diameter at the butt and was cut into fourteen logs, which scaled an aggregate measurement of 13,179. Eighty-four feet from the butt was a branch measuring thirty-three inches in diameter; ninety-three feet from the butt a second branch measured twenty-five inches in diameter.

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MEXICAN International Railroad. (U. S. Postoffice address, Eagle Pass, Tex.)

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General Manager. L. M. JOHNSON. BEARS FREEZE TO DEATH. Ranchman Schiles Tells About the Cold Weather that Drove Bears to Seek a Fire. DENVER NEWS.

Ranchman J. C. Schiles, who is now in Denver, will probably never forget an experience he had at his ranch near Piedra Parada, during the cold spell in January. Piedra Parada is a small settlement south of Pecos Springs, in Archuleta county, and is the last place between Pecos and the New Mexican line. Mr. Schiles only went in last summer, and has a comfortable little house under the shelter of the foothills. His present visit is the first time that he has been away from the ranch in four months. The weather preceding the cold spell in January, he says, had been beautiful, and he was out on the range every day. On January 13 it began to get cold, and the thermometer dropped from 46° above zero to 15° below. On the following day it went down with lightning rapidly, and his spirit thermometer showed 28° below at nightfall. Each day for a week was colder, and the lowest point attained by the mercury was, if his thermometer is accurate, 58° below, which was noted in the afternoon of Jan. 17. Mr. Schiles remained at home during the cold spell, and for four days did not leave the house. On the opening of the third cold day he noticed that deer and bear, which had been unusually plentiful during the winter, began to come down to low ground, and on the morning of the fourth day he opened his door to get some wood, but was brought up at close range by a low growl. Upon looking up he saw four bears within twenty feet of his cabin. They were great big fellows, and Mr. Schiles made up his mind to have one. He got his rifle, and he seemed to divine his motive and got out of range. The dense cold prevented him from following, and after trying in enough wood to last two or three days, and firing his winter barrel, he went back into the house and remained there until the cold weather had passed.

During the day the bears returned, and deer and two antelope, the first he had seen for a year, moved down into the mountain valley in which his shack stands. Just night the weather was so cold that Mr. Schiles was afraid to go to sleep, and kept a roaring fire in the stove all night. The night was made hideous, he says, by the coyotes and bears. The animals pressed close against the house, and he could hear them fighting for places particularly near the two windows from which the light emanated. Once or twice one of the animals, probably a bear, would dash against the house, as if to break it in, and the deer were heard uttering plaintive cries during the night. At 3 o'clock Mr. Schiles drew his spirit thermometer in from the roof by way of the chimney hole and found the thermometer still at 58° below, the same that it had been twelve hours before. He thinks it was a great deal colder, and that the chemicals had been frozen. The night was a terribly long one, and at 8 o'clock in the morning, when Mr. Schiles awoke from a short nap, the animals had moved away, and the weather moderated considerably, the mercury showing only 18° below zero.

On opening the door of his house, which he did cautiously, he saw two bears, a deer and a coyote lying on the ground. The deer and coyote had been killed during the night by the bears, but the two bears had no marks and had evidently frozen to death, as their bodies were rigid. The skulls on one of the deer were broken off, and the coyote horribly mangled.

The animals that had been about the night before had disappeared, and were not seen by Mr. Schiles again. He says that the weather continued to moderate and is now like spring.

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